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CATTLE ON FEED

ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 295,000 head as of January 1, 2019. The latest inventory was 2 percent above last month's inventory and up 10 percent from January 1, 2018. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 24,000 head of fed cattle during December 2018, down 11 percent from the previous month but 20 percent above the December 2017 marketings of 20,000 head. An estimated 31,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2018, 3 percent above last month and 7 percent above the December 2017 placements of 29,000 head. Other disappearance for December, at 1,000 head, was the same as last month and last year. Steers and steer calves on hand as of January 1, 2019 totaled 285,000 head, up 10 percent from one year ago. Heifers and heifer calves on hand as of January 1, 2019 totaled 10,000 head, down 9 percent or 1,000 head from one year ago.

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on January 1, 2019. The inventory was 2 percent above January 1, 2018. The inventory included 7.28 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.41 million head, up 6 percent from 2018. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.77 million head, 2 percent below 2018. Net placements were 1.69 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 460,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 402,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 285,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 90,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 85,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million head, 1 percent below 2017. Other disappearance totaled 75,000 head during December, 1 percent above 2017.

For a full copy of the January 2019 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.